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(GIFT SUGGESTION)

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ALSO PASS TO USIA/W

1. INFORMED BY ACTING SEC GEN SATURDAY, JAN 25, THAT AUTHOR ALEX HALEY TO RECEIVE INVITATION ATTEND INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION AS GUEST OF GOTG.

2. IN 1965 USG PRESENTED GOTG WITH MOBILE CRANE AS INDEPENDENCE GIFT. CRANE STILL OPERABLE AND HAS PROVED USEFUL, PRACTICAL, THROUGHOUT PAST DECADE.

3. FOR UPCOMING TENTH ANNIVERSARY, IF GIFT PRESENTATION CONTEMPLATED, EMB SUGGESTS 150 COPIES AMERICAN HERITAGE DICTIONARY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE WHICH WOULD PROVIDE COPY FOR EVERY SCHOOL IN THE GAMBIA. EITHER ALTERNATIVELY, OR IN ADDITION TO ABOVE, 6,500 COPIES OF PAPERBACK EDITION SAME DICTIONARY (DELL 0207) WOULD PROVIDE INDIVIDUAL COPY FOR EVERY TEACHER AND EVERY SECONDARY SCHOOL PUPIL IN THE GAMBIA.

4. A SUITABLE RUBBER STAMP COULD BE DEVISED LOCALLY TO INDICATE DICTIONARY A GIFT OF AMERICAN PEOPLE ON OCCASION

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OF 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF U.S. INDEPENDENCE AND IN HONOR OF

TENTH ANNIVERSARY GAMBIA INDEPENDENCE. IN MAJORITY OF CASES THESE WILL BE ONLY DICTIONARIES IN ENTIRE COMMUNITY AND (IF PAPERBACKS PRESENTED) FIRST BOOKS OF ANY KIND OWNED BY MOST INDIVIDUALS.

5. IF SUGGESTION APPROVED, USDEL TO TENTH ANNIVERSARY COULD BRING FEW COPIES FOR PRESENTATION AND BALANCE COULD BE FORWARDED TO EMBASSY BY SURFACE FOR LATER DISTRIBUTION. ASSUME USIA COULD ASSIST WITH PROCUREMENT/SHIPMENT.

6. SUCH GIFT WOULD SERVE TO MAKE CLEAR USG,S INTEREST IN IMPROVING GENERAL LEVEL OF EDUCATION THROUGHOUT THE GAMBIA; REACH MAXIMUM NUMBEU OF GAMBIANS AND HAVE LASTING, RIPPLE EFFECT EXTENDING OVER NUMBER OF YEARS. CONTRASTS FAVORABLY WITH PRESENTATION SINGLE OBJECT WHICH, HOWEVER USEFUL, WOULD BE SEEN OR KNOWN TO ONLY LIMITED NUMBER GAMBIANS.

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